This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of sharing database objects between a source datastore and a target datastore, comprising the following steps:

        linking at least one object in the source datastore to an object in the target datastore;

        specifying a persistence model for controlling how changes to the linked source object are handled by the target datastore, the persistence model further comprising one of persisting metadata in the target datastore such that changes to metadata of the linked source object are not updated in the target datastore until object data of the linked source object is altered, persisting both metadata and object data changes of the linked source object in the target datastore, and persisting neither metadata nor object data in the target datastore such that any change made to the linked source object is propagated to the target datastore;

        specifying a refresh policy for refreshing information in the target datastore; and

        integrating data from the object in the source datastore to the target datastore.

2.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of selecting at least one group of measures in the source datastore as the linked source object.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the source datastore and the target datastore are analysis databases.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the source datastore and the target datastore are OLAP databases.

5.   (Cancelled)

6.   (Cancelled)

7.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, the refresh policy further comprising refreshing data each time data in the target datastore is queried.

8.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, the refresh policy further comprising refreshing data whenever a specified time interval has passed.

9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of specifying a filter for the target datastore.

10.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the filter limits data accessible by the target datastore to data of a specified type.

11.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the linked source object is a dimension in the target datastore.

12.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the linked source object is a measure group in the target datastore.

13.   (Currently Amended) A system for sharing data between a source database and a target database, comprising a module for linking at least one object in the target database to an object in the source database, the module including a persistence model for the target database for controlling how changes to the linked source object are handled by the target database, the persistence model further comprising one of persisting metadata in the target database such that changes to metadata of the linked source object in the source database are not updated in the target database until the object data of the linked source object is altered, persisting both metadata and object data changes of the linked source object in the target database, and persisting neither metadata nor data in the target database such that any change made to the linked source object in the source database is propagated to the target database.

14.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the the linked source object is a dimension in the target database.

15.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, wherein the object is a measure group in the target database.

16.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, further comprising an analysis module for specifying the dimensions in the source database and the target database to be linked.

17.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, further comprising an analysis module for specifying the measure groups in the source database and the target database to be linked.

18.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13, further comprising an analysis module for specifying a refresh policy when data in the target database is refreshed.

19.   (Cancelled)

20.   (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the source database resides on a first computer and the target database resides on a second computer.

21.   (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the source database is associated with a first instance of an analysis module and the target database is associated with a second instance of an analysis module.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium comprising computer-executable instructions for:

    linking an object in a source analysis datastore to an object in a target analysis datastore;

    selecting a persistence model for controlling how changes to the linked source object are handled by the target analysis datastore, the persistence model further comprising one of persisting metadata in the target analysis datastore such that changes to metadata of the linked

source object are not updated in the target analysis datastore until [the] object data of the linked source object is altered, persisting both metadata and <u>object</u> data changes <u>of the linked source object</u> in the target analysis datastore persisting neither metadata nor data in the target analysis datastore such that any change made to the linked source object in the source datastore is propagated to the target analysis datastore;

selecting a refresh policy for refreshing information in the target analysis datastore; and,

integrating data from the linked object in the source datastore to the object in the target analysis database.

~~creating the target analysis datastore, wherein the target analysis datastore is a cube defined by the at least one specified dimension.~~